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Your Honor,

Being heavily involved in the computer industry for the last 25 years the MS case is of keen interest to me. I have watched as MS has stifled innovation and crushed competitors using its market presence. I have, in particular, observed as MS has gained massive market share in messaging by leveraging its desktop OS monopoly.

I believe that the proposed settlement will harm the public interests severely, perpetuating MS's monopoly and perhaps strengthening it.

I would like to suggest the following simple act as part of the remedy you prescribe:

Force MS to make old versions of Windows open source. This includes all versions up to, and including, Windows 98 SE.

Discussion: MS claims that Windows is its 'crown jewels' and yet it is making a determined effort to force its clients to upgrade to new, revenue generating, products rather frequently. It habitually claims that it has incorporated massive 'innovation' in its new versions. Fine, let the public buy the innovative new features because it wants them, not because it must. Force MS to provide genuine new features if it wants new revenue.

I also strongly approve of the suggestions to force MS to license the source code of Office and IE to third parties who wish to migrate them to other OSes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

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